

# Houghton Lake

Roscommon County, Michigan

Size = 20,075 acres

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Smallmouth bass from spring netting operation. Photo by Gerald Casey, MDNR.

## Survey Summary

Surveyed April 2001 through March 2002

**Effort:** 265 trap-net lifts, 159 fyke-net lifts, 14 electrofishing runs

Species	Total catch	Length range (in)	Average length (in)
Walleyes	4,426	9.8-29.1	16.3
Northern pike	1,199	9.0-41.4	22.4
Bowfin	1,991	11.2-29.4	23.2
Black crappie	1,865	4.6-14.0	10.4
White sucker	1,072	11.4-24.2	18.7
Bluegill	1,011	2.3-9.7	7.2
Rock bass	769	3.5-12.4	7.4
Smallmouth bass	571	7.4-20.4	15.9
Largemouth bass	514	7.2-20.3	14.1
Pumpkinseed	432	4.2-8.8	6.9
Yellow perch	179	5.2-12.4	7.9
Brown bullhead	95	10.3-14.2	12.3
Yellow bullhead	60	7.8-13.1	10.8
Common carp	43	17.0-34.3	28.0
Black bullhead	8	6.3-12.0	9.3
Longnose gar	7	26.0-35.6	31.8
Golden shiner	7	5.0-7.0	6.0
Longnose sucker	1	16.8	16.8
Rainbow trout	2	25.0	25.0
Channel catfish	1	—	—

*For detailed information on abundance, growth, mortality, and harvest of walleyes and northern pike in Houghton Lake, please refer to the [Report](#).*